President.—Is this about the Kunnamkulam affair?

Mr. Sheik Abul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is a mystery why it was not done.

President.—Because he has not gone into the matter to solve the mystery.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There was a delay for five or six months. What is the reason for so much delay? Full six months have passed after the investigation. The reason for the delay may be given.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—This relates to a British Police constable There was no evidence to charge him. I wrote to the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to take departmental action in this matter.

President.—So far as we are concerned, all action is over. It is the British Government who should take disciplinary action against the constable.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar. Did the Sub-Inspector ask the Police Commissioner as to how the case should be disposed of?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, he asked me, and verbal orders were given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the giving of verbal orders a recognised system?

President.—This is only a difference of opinion. The Commissioner knows how to do things properly, and without verbal orders to some extent it is impossible to carry on business in an office.

Dance held after the Police Sports.

142. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any dance was held at the Police Head Office compound, Trichur, on the 23rd March after the Police Sports, and if so,

(b) whether the dance was arranged by any Government official, and if so, by whom was it arranged and the time when it was conducted;

(c) whether it was a function arranged by the Government, or at the initiative of the Government or with the consent of the Government or with the knowledge of the Government;

(d) whether it was a public or private function;

(e) the names of those who were invited to the dance and who selected their names;

(f) whether intoxicating liquor was supplied there?

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) Yes.

(b) It was a private function arranged by the Commissioner of Police. Commenced after 9 p. m.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the above.

(d) Vide answer (b).

(e) Not necessary in view of answer (b).

(f) do.

Circuit diary and T. A. of the Prosecuting Inspector.

143. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased—

(a) to place on the table the diary of the Courts visited by the Prosecuting Inspector of Police in the month of Makaram 1100 and the nature of the work transacted each day;

(b) to state (i) the average T. A. drawn by the Prosecuting Inspector per mensem during six months just before the present Commissioner took charge, and (ii) the average travelling allowance drawn by him for six months beginning from 1st Mithunam 1100;

(c) the highest amount of travelling allowance drawn by him per month last year;

(d) to state the exact number of officers including Police constables who were absent on leave on the 20th of Meenam 1101 in the Police Department;

(e) the highest number of constables who were absent on leave a day during the course of this year?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The circuit diary is placed on the Council table for reference. A perusal of the same will show the nature of the work transacted.

(b) (i) Rs. 69—13—0.

(ii) Rs. 101—15—4.

(c) Rs. 110—5—0.

(d) 55.

(e) It involves a laborious task to supply the information, and the Government do not think it worth the trouble.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what the pay of the Prosecuting Inspector is?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Rupees 150.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—He has received Rs. 110-5-0 as his T. A. Before the present Commissioner took charge, he was only getting Rs. 69-13-0. What is the reason for this abnormal increase?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Before I came here, the prosecuting work was sometimes given to the

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